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29th July, 1941.

Gentlemen,

Annual Report, 1941

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics 1940

	Shoreham-by-Sea.	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	13.3	14.6
Death Rate per 1,000 population.	12.7	14.3
Corrected Death Rate	12.03	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	61	55

The population as given by the Registrar General is 12,000. The factor for correction is 0.95, which gives a corrected death rate of 12.03.

Evacuation.

In May 1940 all evacuee children of school age in Shoreham-by-Sea were transferred to safer areas. At present there are 8 evacuee children under five years of age in Shoreham. (All accompanied)

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease amongst residents in the town were notified:

Scarlet Fever	23	(7 in 1939)
Diphtheria	4	(3 " ")
Pneumonia	10	(14 " ")
Tuberculosis	8	(11 " ")
Measles	232	
Whooping Cough	6	
Chickenpox	75	
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	
Erysipelas	9	
Ac.Poliomyelitis	3	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	
Malaria	1	

Housing.

No. of new houses erected during 1940:-

By Private Enterprise ...	18
By Local Authority ...	Nil.

Housing.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) 817

No. of Inspections made for the purpose.. 1715

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... Nil

Bacteriological Samples.

Milk. Two samples of undesignated milk taken for analysis were found free from B.Coli, but failed to pass the Methylene Blue test.

Water. Three samples of water from the town main were submitted to the County Pathologist. All the samples were found to be satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Thurman, as in former years but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 3745 visits and inspections were made as compared with 2335 in the previous year.

Staff.

Mr. Llewellyn who was appointed Additional Sanitary Inspector early in 1940, left in August 1940 and the vacancy has not been filled.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Register General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war, a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H.Wilshaw.
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.